VOTING OF DEMANDS FOR GRANTS (Contd.)

24—Ayurveda—Rs. 18,126 (contd.)

Mr. President.—The House will resume the consideration of the cut motion under Ayurveda.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South)*.—I would like to get some information. With regard to the Central Ayurvedic Hospital at Trichur, is it a popular institution and what will be its attendance in a year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—The hospital seems to be popular. A large number of people attend that hospital.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur South)*.—Is there any provision for inpatients in the Ayurvedic hospital?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar)*.—Facilities are given to such of them as want it now. Government have under consideration the provision of beds there. But it is not taken up for want of funds next year.

Motion No. 40 (contd.)

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—Government are fully conscious of the importance of the resolution and are, as the Hon'ble Members themselves know, trying their best for the advancement of Ayurveda in the State. In recognition of this Government had promised to contribute to the K. A. Samajam Hospital at Cheruthuruthi as early as more than 12 years ago one third of the amount collected by the Samajam to the extent of Rs. 30,000 of which Rs. 18,146—3—2 have already been paid till now. The present Samajam hospital site and, I think, a few candies of timber also have been granted to the Samajam free of cost besides a sum of Rs. 200 towards flood relief in 1099. The Samajam is thus managed as a quasi Government institution.

Opening of Panchayat Vaidyasalas and Vishavaidyasalas, the scheme of training Ayurvedic Vaidyans in snake bite treatment under the distinguished guidance of H. H. the Elaya Raja and payment of grant to private Vaidyasalas are still further developmental stages in the advancement of the Ayurvedic system of treatment. There are at present 18 Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas and a

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new one is proposed to be opened in 1113. There are 6 Taluk Vishavaidyasalas, one Vishavaidya hospital and a Vishavaidya Stapanam. In regard to the scheme of training in Vishavaidyam, 42 stipendiary candidates and 60 non-stipendiaries from the various parts of the State have been given training and these Vaidyans are given medicines free of cost from the Stapanam for treatment. For guiding the Vaidyans and inspecting the Vaidyasalas Government have also appointed a supervising officer who has studied Ayurveda and who knows the treatment. He is the Superintendent of the R. V. C. A. Hospital. The work of the Vaidyasalas is thus co-ordinated with that of the Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

Pursuant to a lot of discussion that had taken place on the floor of this House and recognising the important place to be given to the Ayurvedic system of treatment, Government were pleased to open a Central Ayurvedic Hospital which, ever since its inauguration, has been working satisfactorily and gaining more and more popularity, day by day. The hospital is situated in a central place and there is scope in the compound for a medicinal garden. Consistent with the point raised by the Hon'ble Member, the mover, Government have also appointed a Superintendent for the hospital—an officer qualified in both allopathic and Ayurvedic treatment and hence the fittest person. I may assure the Hon'ble Member for Ooragam that the present Superintendent is well versed in Ayurveda and so far as my information goes, is regularly practising that treatment. With regard to the administrative head, the Director of Public Health and Panchayats under whom the hospital has recently been placed, I may assure the House that, I am an ardent supporter of the Ayurvedic system of treatment and I will do everything possible for the advancement of that science.

As a still further development, Government were also pleased to sanction the holding of an annual conference of the Panchayat Vaidyans and experts of the R. V. C. A. hospital. The educative value of such a conference has been recognised and the first conference of the kind held at Trichur in the current year has been, no doubt, a creditable success. The most eminent physicians not only from our State but from the whole of Malabar, I would say, attended and took part in the disquisitions and it has been resolved to form a committee of 20 Physicians, the most prominent of them, to chalk out schemes for the advancement of Ayurveda—both from a practical and theoretical point of view. Copy of the resolution has been forwarded to

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Government and it is being considered. The question of transferring the Ayurvedic section of the Sanskrit College at Tripunithura to Trichur is also under contemplation.

This is in brief a short history of the advancement we have been able to make in the development of Ayurveda and as the Hon'ble Members may concede, much improvement can be effected gradually.

I shall now try to answer the points raised by some of the Hon'ble Members here.

The Hon'ble Member for Ooragam pointed out that Government are losing the services of E. T. Neelakantan Moose under whose advice the hospital was working so very satisfactorily and who at last managed to resign his post. His resignation is still under the consideration of the Government. But I may assure this House that if at all Mr. Moose's services are lost, we will be getting one among the Ashta Vaidyans—the seniormost among them I may term—who is in no way less qualified than the present Honorary Chief Physician. He is even more qualified.

The Hon'ble Member for Wadakkancheri referred to the alien attitude of the Government towards Talapilli Taluq in opening Vaidyasalas as in other cases. I am to assure the House that out of the 18 Vaidyasalas now in existence 4 are in the Talapilly Taluk and the one to be newly opened next year is in that Taluk itself.

The Hon'ble Member Mr. V. K. Kutty as well as the Hon'ble Member for North Ezhuvas pointed out that the medicines supplied to the existing Panchayat Vaidyasalas are quite inadequate to satisfy the needs of the ailing public. Government do concede the point; but would like to inform the House that with the beginning of the supply of medicines from the Central Ayurvedic Hospital it has been possible to give more medicines without any additional expenditure on that account. The matter of giving larger supply is also under the consideration of Government; but depends upon funds. In regard to the opening of a sales department in each Vaidyasala, I may state that even now though medicines are not actually sold, cost is recovered for medicines supplied to those who, in the opinion of the vaidyan, can afford to pay and such sale proceeds are credited to the personal deposit account of each vaidyasala. This amount if any standing to the credit if each vaidyasala without any lapse, can be utilised for the purchase of medicines when the provision allotted for the same is found insufficient.

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I cannot but refute the statement made by the Hon'ble Member for North Ezhavas that only those who have been for some two years serving as a cooly in the K. A. Samajam Hospital—what he has termed as മരുന്ന് അരക്കുക—are now qualified to be Panchayat Vaidyans. I may submit for the information of the House that only those who have passed the K. A. Samajam examination conducted by a Board of Examiners consisting of eminent physicians and who have undergone practical training in that hospital for a year and only those who have qualified themselves by passing other equivalent examinations are appointed as vaidyans. This qualification is even insisted upon as far as possible in the case of compounders to be recruited afresh.

Then to the point raised by the Hon'ble Member for Vyttila, Government have already sanctioned the opening of a sales Department attached to the Central Ayurvedic Hospital though the same could not hitherto be brought into effect for want of funds. I am to add that by doing this it is not at all the intention of Government to run this as a commercial concern. The prices of medicines are to be so fixed as to compensate only the cost of raw materials, establishment charges and labour employed in making them.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Pazhayannur)*.—On a point of information. What is your objection in having these Panchayat Vaidyasalas under the Ayurvedic Vaidyan?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction)*.—The effect is the same as at present inasmuch as the Superintendent is supervising the Panchayat vaidyasalas.

* മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ *(Pazhayannur)*.—സർ, പഞ്ചായത്ത് ബഡ്ജറിൽ വളരെ വ്യത്യാസം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. പഞ്ചായത്ത് വൈദ്യശാലയ്ക്ക് പ്രൊവൈഡ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത് മുഴുവൻ പഞ്ചായത്തിലാണ്. ഇതിൽ ഞങ്ങൾക്കാക്ഷേപമുള്ളത് രണ്ടുവഴിക്കാണ്. ഒന്ന് പഞ്ചായത്തിലേയ്ക്ക് കൂടുതൽ സംഖ്യ ബഡ്ജറിൽ കാണിക്കണം. ഫ്ര@൦൦ രൂപാ ഈ കൊല്ലം ആയുർവ്വേദ വൈദ്യശാലക്ക് ചിലവുചെയ്യാൻവേണ്ടി പഞ്ചായത്ത് ബഡ്ജറിൽ ആണ കാണിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. എന്നാൽ ഫ്വ;ഫ൦൦ ക. ഇക്കൊല്ലം പ്രൊവൈഡ് ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത് ആയുർവ്വേദത്തിന്നവേണ്ടി കൊച്ചീ ഗവമ്മെൻറ് ആകെ ചിലവാക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യയാണ്. ആയുർവ്വേദത്തിന്ന വേണ്ടി ചിലവാക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യ പഞ്ചായത്ത് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടമെൻറിൽ കൊള്ളിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ട് വളരെ തകരാറുണ്ട്. എന്തുകൊണ്ടെന്നാൽ പഞ്ചായത്ത് വൈദ്യശാലകളിലേക്ക് വേണ്ട മരുന്ന കൊടുപ്പിക്കുവാ

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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ന്നള്ള ഒരു ചുമതല പഞ്ചായത്തിന്നില്ല. അതുകൊണ്ട് പഞ്ചായത്തു വൈദ്യശാലകളെയെല്ലാം ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടമെൻറിനെതന്നെ ഏല്പിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതു കുറെക്കൂടി നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നാണ് എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം. ആയുർവ്വേദത്തിന്നുവേണ്ടി ഗവൺമെൻറു ചിലവാക്കുന്ന സംഖ്യ എത്രയാണെന്നു ബഡ്ജറു നോക്കിയാൽ കാണാം. ഈ സംഖ്യകൊണ്ടു രണ്ടു ഡിപ്പാർട്ടമെൻറിലും വക്കുചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ പഞ്ചായത്തു വൈദ്യശാലയും ആയുർവ്വേദ സെൻട്രൽ വൈദ്യശാലയും തമ്മിൽ യാതൊരു ബന്ധവുമില്ല. ഇക്കൊല്ലത്തിലോ കഴിഞ്ഞ കൊല്ലത്തിലോ മറേറാ സെൻട്രൽ ആശുപത്രിയിൽനിന്നു ഒന്നു സൂപ്രവൈസു ചെയ്യുവാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതുമാത്രം ഒരു ബന്ധമുണ്ട്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഒരു ആയുർവ്വേദ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടമെൻറോ മറേറാ ഉണ്ടാക്കി അതിലേക്കു ഈ വൈദ്യശാലകൾ കൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണ് ഞാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറിനോടു പറയുന്നതു്.

ഞാൻ എൻറെ അഭിപ്രായം പറഞ്ഞതാണു്. പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ നിന്നു നടത്തുന്ന സർവ്വ എഴ്പ്പാട്ടകളും ഗവൺമെൻറിൽനിന്നു നടത്തുന്നതായാൽ അവയുടെ മേലന്വേഷണം പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കു വിട്ടുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നാണു ഞാൻ പറയുന്നതു്.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*.—That suggestion will be borne in mind by Government.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—May I know whether it is the intention of the Hon'ble Member that the Panchayat vaidyasalas and the staff attached to them should be taken out of the control of the Panchayat Department?

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ *(Pazhayannur)*.— ഞാൻ ഒരു പഞ്ചായത്തു പ്രസിഡൻറാണ്. എൻറെ പഞ്ചായത്തിൽ ഒരു വൈദ്യശാലയുണ്ട്. പഞ്ചായത്തു പണം എടുക്കണമെന്നുള്ള മോഹം തീർച്ചയായും എനിക്കില്ല. പഞ്ചായത്തുവക പണം ഒരിക്കലും ഞാൻ തൊടാറില്ല. ഗവൺമെൻറിൻെറ നീതി അല്ലെങ്കിൽ സേവതന്നെയാണ് വാസ്തവത്തിൽ ചീത്തയാക്കുന്നതു്. അല്ലാതെ ടി. കെ. നായരോ, എഴത്തച്ഛനോ, വേറെ ആളുകളോ ആണെന്നു വിചാരിക്കരുതു്. സർക്കാർ പണം വിഷമാണെന്നു വിചാരിച്ചു പെരുമാറുന്ന ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരും അനുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരും വേണം. ഒരു പഞ്ചായത്തു പ്രസിഡൻറു് ഏതോ ഒരു വൈദ്യനു ശമ്പളം കൊടുക്കാതിരുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ എല്ലാ പഞ്ചായത്തു പ്രസിഡൻറന്മാർക്കും ഒരു സർക്കുലർ അയച്ചുവെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു. ആ പഞ്ചായത്തു പ്രസിഡൻറിനെ പിടിച്ചു് എന്തുചെയ്തുവെന്നു ചോദിച്ചതിനു മറുപടി പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—If this is the opinion of the Hon'ble Member then I am only too glad to accept the Hon'ble Member's suggestion.

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Then the Superintendent will be responsible for the payment of the money to them and there will be an end to unnecessary correspondence.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. നായർ *(Pazhayannur)*.— അഡൈ്വസറി കമ്മറ്റിയിലെ അനദ്ധ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാക്കും ചില അബദ്ധങ്ങൾ വരാതിരിക്കയില്ല. ഞങ്ങൾക്ക് അബദ്ധംപറ്റിയതിനെ നിങ്ങൾ റിപ്പീറ്റു ചെയ്തു. പക്ഷെ എനിക്ക് അതു ബാധകമല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ട് എന്നെ അഫക്റ്റു ചെയ്തില്ല. ആ സർക്കുലറിൽ സാനിട്ടേഷന്റെ കാര്യം പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഓരോ നാഴിക അകലെ താമസിക്കുന്ന സാനിട്ടറി ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർ പരിശോധിക്കണമെന്നു വാക്കു വച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എങ്കിലും ലോക്കലായിട്ട് ഒരു സൂപ്പർവേഷൻ നടത്തുവാനുള്ള അധികാരം പഞ്ചായത്തിലേക്കു കൊടുത്താൽ എന്താണു വിരോധം? ഞങ്ങൾക്കു ശിക്ഷിക്കുവാനും മറ്റുമുള്ള അധികാരം വേണ്ട. അങ്ങിനെ ചെയ്താൽ ഉഭംനാട്ടുകളിലെ ജോലി ശരിക്കു ചെയ്യുവാൻ സാധിക്കും.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—As far as the circular is concerned, it was issued on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee itself. It is receiving the attention of Government.

മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. എ. രാമചന്ദ്രയ്യർ *(Nellayi)*.— ഞാൻ ഇന്നലെ ഒരു റിപ്പോർട്ടിലെ ചില ഭാഗങ്ങൾ ഇവിടെ വായിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. ആ റിപ്പോർട്ട് മദ്രാസ് ആക്ടിംഗ് ഗവർണർ, ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ലജിസ്ലേറ്റീവ് കൌൺസിൽ പ്രസിഡൻറ് മിസ്റ്റർ രാമറാവു മുതലായ മഹാന്മാർ ഇൻഡ്യാരാജ്യം മുഴുവൻ സഞ്ചരിച്ചു തയ്യാറാക്കീട്ടുള്ള ഒന്നാണ്. അതുവേഗത്തെപ്പറ്റി ക്രുദ്ധകുഷമായി എല്ലാ പരിശോധനകളും കഴിച്ചാണ് ആ റിപ്പോർട്ട് തയ്യാറാക്കീട്ടുള്ളതു്. അതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള ഭാഗങ്ങളിൽ ഈ കൊച്ചീ രാജ്യത്തേക്കു ഗുണപ്രദമായിട്ടുള്ള ഭാഗങ്ങൾ ഗവമ്മെൻറിൽനിന്നും നടപ്പിൽവരുത്തണമെന്നാണ് എന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം.

പിന്നെ നീലകണ്ഠൻ മൂസ്സതിനെപ്പറ്റി ഒന്നു രണ്ടു സംഗതികൾ ഇവിടെ പറയുകയുണ്ടായി. അദ്ദേഹം പോയാൽ വേറെ ആളെ കിട്ടുമെന്നാണ് പറഞ്ഞതു്. വേറെ ഒരാളെ കിട്ടാതിരിക്കയില്ല. ആൾക്കു വേണ്ടി ഉദ്യോഗം ഉണ്ടാക്കുവാൻ വിഷമമാണെങ്കിലും ഉദ്യോഗത്തിനു വേണ്ടി ആളെ കിട്ടുവാൻ വിഷമമില്ല. എന്നാൽ മിസ്റ്റർ മൂസ്സതിനെപ്പോലെയുള്ള ഒരാളെ നിസ്സാരമായ കാരണത്താൽ ഒഴിവാക്കുന്നതു ശരിയല്ല. എന്റെ അറിവിൽ അദ്ദേഹം തെറ്റുകാരനല്ല എന്നാണ് മനസ്സിലായിട്ടുള്ളതു്. എന്നെക്കൊണ്ടു ജോലിയെടുക്കുവാൻ സാധിക്കയില്ലെന്നു പറഞ്ഞു അദ്ദേഹം രാജികൊടുക്കുമെന്നു എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നില്ല. അങ്ങിനെയുള്ള ആളെ നിങ്ങൾ കൈവിടുന്നതു നന്നായിട്ടുള്ളതല്ലെന്നാണ് എനിക്കു പറയുവാനുള്ളതു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു ഈ കൌൺസിലിന്റെ അഭിപ്രായം ഇന്നതാണെന്നു ഗവമ്മെൻറിനെ മനസ്സിലാക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടി ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ പ്രസ്സുചെയ്യുന്നു.

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Mr. President.—There should not be any misconception in the minds of the Hon'ble Members. He actually tendered his resignation and the resignation has been accepted by the Government and the successor has also been appointed, in the person of Kuttancheri Manu Moose. There was some difference of opinion between the Honorary physician and the Superintendent of the Ayurvedic Hospital. The difference of opinion arose on points of merely administrative control and we made it clear in that order that though from technical point of view the honorary physician is not under the control of the Superintendent for administrative purposes the Superintendent's instructions will have to be carried out, otherwise we cannot run the hospital. This order was given to the honorary physician and some days afterwards the honorary physician's father came to me and complained to me that his son was not prepared to take orders on professional matters from the Superintendent. I made it perfectly clear to him that it was not the intention of the Government to make the honorary physician to take orders from the Superintendent on technical matters. I told him that in the interests of the management of the institution we must make some officer responsible and it is only in administrative matters that the Superintendent is the supreme authority in the hospital. Then this physician told me if that were so he would be satisfied. He told me he would be satisfied if the text of that order were given to him in Malayalam for he said he was not able to understand the implications in the order. I replied that he would be given that. After that what I heard was that a resignation was tendered. However eminent a physician one might be Government cannot go on hanging at the doors of a physician. We tried our best to persuade him to remain in charge of the hospital. So far as administrative control is concerned every Hon'ble Member must agree with me that there should be some control. Those are the circumstances.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon (*Director of Public Health and Panchayats*).—Sir, I should like to know the point on which the House is going to vote on this motion.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*).—To spend more money on the department of Ayurveda. It is in the motion itself. It is put there very clearly.

Mr. President.—So far as this Ayurvedic Department is concerned Hon'ble Members know perfectly well the history of the Department. In the first instance Panchayat Vaydiasalas were started and a Central hospital was started as an experimental measure. As a matter of fact I myself have inspected

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the place on two occasions and I realised that it was really meeting a popular demand. I found that the hospital was in a most inconvenient place and therefore it was shifted as per my orders to its present site which is more convenient. In fact it was an odious building in which it was housed formerly. In fact I was told that the average attendance of out-patients per day in this Ayurvedic hospital is even greater than the Civil hospital at Trichur. That really shows that there is a real public demand.

From the experience gained Government have now to make up their mind whether they must really constitute a separate Ayurvedic Department. In fact one of our difficulties is to find a suitable officer of Government to take charge of this. It is not a secret that the Chief Medical Officer is not in sympathy with the Ayurvedic system. Therefore it cannot be handed over to a person like that. We gave it to the Diwan Peishkar who does not know much of this though he has a great liking for the system. But out of sheer pressure of work he was not able to devote as much time as he liked. We have now handed it over to the Public Health Department and the departmental head now said that he is a great believer in Ayurveda. Under the circumstances Government may expect that under the fostering care of that officer the department would grow more useful.

There is no difference of opinion between the Government and the Hon'ble Members that the Ayurvedic system in the State should be developed. Government are trying their best to improve the facilities offered to this Department. So if this is offered as a censure against Government it is the department where Government deserves least censure.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayar. (*Nellayi*).—In the light of the remarks given by the Chair, I do not press the motion.

Motion was by leave withdrawn.

Motion No. 41.

* **Mr. George Parakkal** (*Narakkal*).—"*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,126 for Ayurveda by Re. 1. To request the Government to start an Ayurvedic Hospital at Nayarambalam*".

Sir, the remarks from the Chair encourages me to make the demand. My points in requesting an Ayurvedic hospital at

* Speech not corrected by the Hon'ble Member.

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Nayarambalam are two. The first is to meet a necessity of that kind. The second is to divert the very heavy pressure at the Narakkal dispensary. The number of out patients at the Narakkal dispensary is treatening. The daily average is 800 and sometimes it is 1,000 and three doctors are sitting there and prescribing from morning 6 to evening 7. Still there are patients waiting there. The stock of medicine also, though the Chief Medical Officer has been very munificient in that respect, is not sufficient. If we get an Ayurvedic hospital at Nayarambalam 3 miles away then some patients will be diverted from the Narakkal dispensary. Hence I bring this motion.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—There have been demands from several places for opening Ayurvedic dispensaries and we are opening a new one next year. This year also we have opened a new dispensary. Thus Government are opening new Ayurvedic dispensaries whenever possible. What I can say at present is that when those who have asked before and whose needs are greater have been supplied with dispensaries, the case of Nayarambalam will be considered.

Mr. George Parakkal *(Narakkal).*—Though the answer of the Government is not very encouraging, it is not hopeless. The only thing is that it has to wait for some time more. But what I say that if the Hon'ble Member for Public Health will kindly go over there he will be convinced of the necessity for an Ayurvedic dispensary at Nayarambalam.

I do not press the motion. I may be allowed to withdraw.

Motion was by leave withdrawn.

Demand under 'Ayurveda' was put and carried.

25—Public Health—Rs. 1,18,093.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,18,093 under Public Health. I request the House to grant the same.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon *(Vyttila).*—Before I move my cut motion I should like to know whether any amount budgeted for this year is likely to lapse.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—A small amount is likely to lapse.

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